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## House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

May 8, 1973

William P. Clements, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Defense  
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Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Clements:


With reference to a "Special Collection" of the so called "Penkovskiy Papers", I understand the question of declassification is currently being considered.

This has been the object of a great deal of constituent concern from the 3rd District of New Jersey - sentiments which have, undoubtedly, been heard from other sectors of the country as well. It would appear that the documents are doing more harm in their classified status than they would if they were brought out in the open for everyone's examination.

I would appreciate background information on the documents in question, the basis for their classification and their present status.

My sincere thanks for your assistance in this regard.

Most sincerely,

  
JAMES J. HOWARD  
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

22 May 1973

Memo For Jack Maury

I would appreciate your  
comments/clearance of the  
attached response. If at all  
possible, I would like to have  
the second and third paragraphs  
declassified.

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